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PRESS RELEASE – 3RD TUN ABDULLAH AHMAD BADAWI HUMAN CAPITAL SUMMIT

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 March 2018 – The Asian Strategy & Leadership Institute (ASLI), in collaboration with Pertubuhan Legasi Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and the High School Bukit Mertajam (HSBM) Alumni Malaysia, today held the 3rd Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi Human Capital Summit at Hotel Istana, Kuala Lumpur. The summit was themed ‘Winning in the Age of Disruption: Productivity & Adaptability’ and discussed pertinent issues relevant to developing Malaysia’s human capital.

Malaysia is facing the 4th Industrial Revolution, and an age where technology is advancing rapidly, natural resources are depleting, populations are aging and shifting towards urban centers. The World Bank forecasts a favorable economic outlook for Malaysia, but if we are to meet the requirements of being a high-income economy, Malaysia needs to increase productivity and the quality of human capital. We believe that ‘increasing productivity’ will be the buzzword this year.

In this context, the 3rd Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi Human Capital Summit aimed to answer the key question ‘how can we increase and sustain the productivity as well as the quality of our human capital?’. It explored how Malaysians can best equip our organizations and people to be more adaptable, able to handle disruptions with ease, and to stay in control of a fluid and uncertain future.

We were fortunate to have YABhg Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, 5th Prime Minister of Malaysia, as patron and YB Brig Jen Khairy Jamaluddin, Minister of Youth and Sports, as the guest of honor. In recognition of his lifetime of service as ‘The Father of Human Capital Development’, YBhg Tun Abdullah Ahmad Badawi was conferred a special Lifetime Achievement Award. Under his leadership, Malaysia saw the strengthening of science and technology, innovation and creativity as well as the growth of the private education industry which greatly opened up tertiary education opportunities for young Malaysians.

The opening keynote address, ‘TN50: Maximizing Millennial’s Capacity and Contribution’, was given by YB Brig Jen Khairy Jamaluddin, who urged Malaysians to completely re-imagine our education and training if we want to be the best country with the best human capital.

In the Minister’s words, every Malaysian should be helped to achieve his or her ultimate potential. Understanding this, the summit stressed the importance of investing in people: in their education and training, in our young graduates and millennials who are just entering the workforce, and in the latest developments in science and technology so as to create Malaysia’s high-income economy.

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